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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 25 Oct 1994 01:03:16 GMT  
From: nsombat@scs.unr.edu (Nat Sombat)  
Subject: ###Help my HT set the car alarm off###

I just put RF concepts 30 watts amp. in my car and every times I  
key on the air the car alarm go off. It'll stop as soon as I let off the  
key. When I turn the amp. off it's find. I have call RF concepts and  
they told me to use aluminum foid to wrap around the brain unit and  
siren. It's still go off everytimes. I have 5/8 larsen mount on the  
roof. The SWR read lower than 1.5:1. Any idea, what I have to do to  
have 30 watts amp. and car alarm.

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Date: Mon, 24 Oct 1994 19:29:43 EDT

From: w1aw@arrl.org  
Subject: ARLB083 Emergency canceled

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB083  
ARLB083 Emergency canceled

ZCZC AG48  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 83 ARLB083  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT October 24, 1994  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB083  
ARLB083 Emergency canceled

Declared Voluntary Communications Emergency Canceled

The Federal Communications Commission, Houston office, issued the following statement:

The Voluntary Communications Emergency Declared for frequencies, +/- 3 kHz, 7248, 3975, 3970 kHz is canceled effective 1300 Eastern Time October 24, 1994.

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Date: Mon, 24 Oct 1994 19:32:11 EDT  
From: w1aw@arrl.org  
Subject: ARLX030 Bill Leonard, W2SKE, SK

SB SPCL @ ARL \$ARLX030  
ARLX030 Bill Leonard, W2SKE, SK

ZCZC AX62  
QST de W1AW  
Special Bulletin 30 ARLX030  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT October 24, 1994  
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX030  
ARLX030 Bill Leonard, W2SKE, SK

Bill Leonard, W2SKE, SK

Bill Leonard, W2SKE, a former president of CBS News, died October 23 in Laurel, Maryland. He was 78.

Leonard, an avid Dxr and contest operator in the 1960s and 1970s, was an advocate for Amateur Radio, writing, for example, an article for Sports Illustrated in 1958 entitled ''The Battle of the Hams.'' It described the ''sport of DXing'' and Leonard's role in it from the contest super station of Buzz Reeves, K2GL, on Long Island.

Leonard said in 1981 that he was interested in radio as a child in the 1920s, and received his first amateur license, W1JHV, while a student at Dartmouth College in 1934.

After graduating in 1937, Leonard went to work as a reporter for the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Post-Telegram. After serving in the US Navy from 1941 to 1945, where was involved with electronic countermeasures against German radio-controlled bombs, he joined CBS News in 1945.

As CBS president, Leonard was credited with the selection of Dan Rather as Evening News anchor, as a member of the team that developed the ''60 Minutes'' newsmagazine, and of helping develop techniques to predict election outcomes.

Asked in 1981 about the future of Amateur Radio, W2SKE said ''I have a hunch that Amateur Radio is going to get more and more tangled up with amateur computer technology.'' He also said ''My bet is that ham radio, in one form or another, will be around 100 years from now.''

A profile of W2SKE appeared in March, 1981, QST. Bill Leonard leaves his wife, the former Norma Kaphan Wallace, and six sons.

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Date: 24 Oct 94 20:22:00 GMT  
From: jonep@dg13.ccc.BE (JONES Peter)  
Subject: Earth Ground (was: ARRL And Gay Hams Settle Complaint)

Doc Elliott KE4KUZ writes:

>This is a bunch of crap. Ignorance and hatred? Come on, you fool, its not

>ignorance and hatred, its pure and simple disgust at the thought of someone

>being perverted and the system allowing, no forcing others to accept that

>perversion as socially acceptable behavior. You faggots are doing something  
>that goes against every conceivable law, whether it be moral, natural, biological, legal, or religious. I don't hate you, I don't hate anyone.  
>Hate is what the gays have for those like me. But that doesn't mean that I

>have to tolerate your presence or like being forced to treat you and you  
>sickening ilk as "normal" and "acceptable alternative".

>"...beaten, ...or killed..." I agree that this is wrong and I would defend you if I were to witness this. I think it was Voltaire who said "I will fight to the death against what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." "Hounded, harassed"? You got it. Being queer is not your right. You are adversely effecting me. You have caused my health insurance rates to skyrocket; you have caused the quality of health care to

>plummet due to the fact that you are spreading disease. You have begun the  
>disintegration of the moral fabric of this country by disrupting the family  
>and burdening society with yet another special interest group that has only  
>hedonistic self interest at heart.

>Lets face it - your whole motive for being what you are is to attract attention to yourself and to saturate yourself in a selfcentered social order that cares nothing but for its own motives and "feels-good" self interest.

>I have nothing but pity and disgust for you and your kind. I view you and your kind as no different than any other sex-criminal such as child molesters, beasteality practitioners or rapists. You got a problem, and you won't admit it. Somehow, the incomprehensible winds of political correctness have blown your way. I hope that we can fix this situation and get you some help before its too late.

>What does this have to do with Amatuer radio? Nothing, except unfortunately  
>that I had hoped that there would be some organization such as the ARRL that  
>would have the guts to stand up and say NO, we will not conform to PC and support homosexuality. I had hoped that there would be safe refuge from the  
>sickening weirdness and hell-bent evil of homosexuality in the health and

>wholesomeness of the airwaves. But it is not to be. I suppose that things  
>will have to decay further before the average man in the street says "Hey,  
>I've had enough and this has got to stop!"  
  
>May God have pity on your troubled souls,  
>Doc Elliott KE4KUZ  
>INTERNET: helliot@losat.redstone.army.mil  
>My opinions are my own.  
>73s to all.

To paraphrase: "methinks you doth protest too much!"

Pete ON9CUK

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Date: Mon, 24 Oct 1994 22:05:43 GMT  
From: ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare (KA1CV))  
Subject: HOW TO LEARN CW???

Bob Stanton (bob.stanton@exchange.com) wrote:

: I give up! I have been trying to learn the code since before I was  
: licensed with no luck. I have tried tapes... all I do is memorize the  
: tape... not the code. I sit in front on my computer pounding my head on  
: the keyboard (figuratively). I HATE CW!!!

Ah, the bittersweet memories. I remember saying the same words when I was learning code. I said the same thing when I was learning to play the guitar. (I even tossed an old acoustic out the window!) It took me all of a month, practicing about 2 hours a day, to finally get it down well enough to pass my 5 wpm test (the code that is -- there are some who have heard my screaming '64 Stratocaster and say I NEVER really learned the guitar). Now, years later, I don't hate the code; I don't even know where my microphone is. But that is just me; love it or hate it, you are on the expedient track to try to learn it to get your HF priveleges.

The first thing I suggest you do is to stop hating it. I realize that to you it is the most inane requirement ever dreamed up for you to have to pass to get your HF phone priveleges, but until things change, it is here and we have to do it or do without HF (changing it is another flame war -- let's forgo that from this thread and help this fellow out with suggestions). Reminding yourself that you hate it may be appropriate and entirely correct for you, but it is getting in the way of your goal, so it needs to be set aside. Treat it as neutrally as you can possibly muster.

I wonder if part of the problem is dit-and-dah recognition. I have heard the comments of many people exposed to the code who say that they can't tell the difference between a dot and a dash by ear. At 15 wpm characters, this is not surprising, and most code tests use 13-18 wpm characters that are sent at a 5 wpm rate (the Farnsworth method). If you hear a character, say "B" (daah-di-di-di) and say to yourself "Daah-di-di-di --- now what the \*&\*&#/\$ was that letter?", then you are having trouble memorizing the code. If the "B" is sent and you say "What's that sound?", you are not hearing dots and dashes. If you have a versatile code-practice program, try slowing the character speed down to 5 wpm until you can clearly hear the difference between a dot and a dash. Once you do, and if dit-dah recognition is the problem, it will happen suddenly. When it happens, try a 10 wpm character speed, etc., until you are at 15 wpm characters.

From there, it is a question of ensuring that you have memorized all of the characters. The IDEAL way is to memorize the sound by ear, so that when someone send di-daah, you register it as a "A." Ideals are great, and if you can do it the right way like that, go for it. However, I learned to SEND first and it didn't seem to cripple me forever, so give that a go. You don't even have to really SEND it, just be able to say "di-daah," with the correct rhythm so that your dits are shorter than your dashes. Once they are all actually memorized for sending, you can then try receiving. It will use a different set of neurons in the old gray matter, so try a 15 wpm character with about a 1 wpm rate, if necessary, to give yourself plenty of time to connect what you hear with what you have memorized. Purists will not approve of my method, and I recommend you first try to learn it "by ear." If you want to try the "send first" method, try it out on the first group of letters on your tutorial tape. If it works, the heck with the purists!

Now, I think that the ARRL tapes are ideal for introducing the letters, although ANY good training tape that introduces letters a few at a time will serve you well. Most tapes also contain practice material, but, as you have learned, one tends to memorize. For practice, once the letters are learned, use computer programs, code-practice bulletins or on-the-air listening.

If you can find an Elmer to help you learn, it helps. And if you do get flamed, don't take it to heart. You can feel anything you want about the code, and you can even work your butt off to change the requirements if you like (just leave a few kHz for me to work CW with the other enthusiasts). I respect that you are willing to do what you have to do to earn the HF privileges you want. Learn it and pass it. We can discuss later whether you want to forget it or not. :-) In the meantime, good luck, whichever way you choose to do it.

73, Ed

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Date: 24 Oct 94 17:32:16 -0500  
From: parickj4560@cobra.uni.edu  
Subject: HT? HT? HT? HT? HT? HT?

Hi everyone, I am a general class (been for about 9 months now) ham, and I will be going to my first hamfest this weekend. It's in St. Paul, Minnesota.

I am posting because I want to get on 2 meters. I have only been on HF since I got my licence, and now I want to try the fun stuff :) I am looking to buy a used 2meter ht or a 2meter mobile.

Does anyone out here know of some good models, and how much I am going to have to fork out. I am planning on around \$150. Oh yeah, to hit our local machine, you need the "tones"

Thanks a lot and hope to see you in MN! 73's de N0ZYA

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Date: Tue, 25 Oct 1994 00:45:12 GMT  
From: n7fzy@netcom.com (Dave Whitlock)  
Subject: NoCal 00 goes after Packet BULletins

In article <389n39\$5at@ccnet.ccnet.com>, rwilkins@ccnet.com (Bob Wilkins n6fri) writes:

> This was found floating on the Amateur Packet BBS system. What do you think?

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> From : K7WWA@K7WWA.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM

> To : INFO@ALLUS

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> \*\*\* FLAME ON

> \*\*\* I think this needs to be shared.

> \*\*\* AB6GQ was licensed on 2 Jul 1991. He is now an Amateur Extra (?). He

> \*\*\* sure must think his is something if he really started this one.

> \*\*\* FLAME OFF

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> Original from AB6GQ to SYSOP@NCPA

> Path: !KC6PJW!WX3K!WB0TAX!KA6EYH!KA6EYH!W6PW!KA6FUB!WA6RDH!KM6PX!

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> From : AB6GQ@KM6PX.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM

> To : SYSOP@NCPA

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> Hello dedicated SYSOPs. My name is Fred Sober, and I am the Official

> Observer Coordinator for the Sacramento Valley Section of the ARRL. I  
> am sending this bulletin at the suggestion of some of the local BBS  
> SYSOPs, who thought you should be aware of the following info:

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> \*\*\* Yes, Fred, keep up the good work. I'm glad that you are doing all

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> \*\*\* that you can to make Amateur radio packet boring.

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> \*\*\* 73 George K7WWA @ K7WWA.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NOAM

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As is often the case, people have a tendency to flame before they get all the facts.

This weekend I attended the Northern California BBS Sysops meeting at Pacificon. This issue and the people involved live in this area and are known to some of the Sysops, so let me try to give everyone a little more direct info.

Fred Sober, as 00, was asked a question by a local ham:

If broadcast bulletins of non-amateur subjects are illegal on voice, why is it OK on packet?

Fred did not know the answer (nether would I), so he started up the ARRL chain of commands asking the Section Manager etc. Each level in turn said that they did not know the answer and referred him up to the next level. Finally he was talking to ARRL HQ.

They also said they did not know and referred him to the FCC and asked him to "let them know what the FCC says." (I don't know who I was at HQ that said this, but it sure does not sound like a good idea to me). So, Fred started corresponding with the FCC. The results he got were right out of Part 97.

Even then, Fred attempted to keep this quiet until it could be discussed and perhaps a solution found. He posted a "Private" Sysop only bulletin for Northern California only to make Sysops aware of the situation. A certain Sysop in the area re-addressed the message to a regular bulletin with world wide distribution. Now the hate mail is coming in to Fred.

Now I don't like the results from the FCC. But I do not blame the messenger. Fred was responding in a proper manor to a legitimate question directly involved with his 00 duties. All of this is documented with copies of the correspondence. Several of the local Sysops have seen it and were aware



of this as it happened over the last year.

So next time it would be nice if some people would try to find out the facts before they start slinging mud.

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Date: Mon, 24 Oct 1994 11:46:41 GMT  
From: burke\_br@adcae1.comm.mot.com (Bruce Burke Redi)  
Subject: Repeater/Tower noise problem?

In article 1@ttd.teradyne.com, rice@ttd.teradyne.com (John Rice) writes:  
{In article <ghiscoxCxL3Ep.F3B@netcom.com>, ghiscox@netcom.com (George L. Hiscox)  
writes:  
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{Snip.....  
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{> : affects? How can I prove that this is a problem? At least, can I get some  
{> : more data to point in this direction? Thanks for the help.  
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{You'll need to borrow a good spectrum analyzer, connect it to the coax  
{for the reciever that's having the problem. Then have someone climb  
{about halfway up the tower and 'shake it' as hard as possible. Watch the  
{analyzer for signals around the receive frequency.  
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While you're at it, use the spectrum analyzer to "look" into the receive  
port of the duplexer to see if there is some low level stuff in the notch of  
the duplexer on the receive frequency. This is also a way to see if the  
repeater's transmitter is the major contributor.

73,

Bruce, WB4YUC, e1 YUCCO. . .

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Date: 25 Oct 1994 01:23:19 GMT  
From: johnr@soul.tv.tek.com (John Reynolds)

References<1994Oct21.174355.24639@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>  
<1994Oct22.222412.20936@mixcom.com>, <38d4fr\$gkf@crcnis1.unl.edu>  
Subject: Re: Spectrum analyzer as a TV receiver...

>In <1994Oct21.174355.24639@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

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>Sure you can "watch" TV on a spectrum analyzer...

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An old technician's trick at Tek is to make a TV receiver out of standard 7K oscilloscope plug-ins. Start with a 7704 mainframe (which accepts two vertical and two horizontal plug-ins). Plug a 7L12 spectrum analyzer module into the middle two slots. Plug horizontal modules into the two outside slots. Run a BNC cable from the spectrum analyzer vertical output to the 7704's Z-axis input. Set the left horizontal plug-in to sweep at field rate. Set the right horizontal plug-in to sweep at line rate. Tune in a TV station with the spectrum analyzer set to zero-span, and you'll see a picture on the oscilloscope display.

Not a \*great\* picture, but it sure amazed me the first time I saw it.

Actually, Tektronix 2710 spectrum analyzers will demodulate and display television signals in the traditional sense. You get a green monochrome picture and no audio. If you want audio, you'll need a second 2710 to demodulate that for you :-).

73,

John Reynolds NZ7J  
Tektronix TV Division  
Beaverton, OR

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Date: 24 Oct 1994 21:22:34 GMT  
From: jbs@duke.edu (Joe B. Simpson)

References<388gst\$3n5@dartvax.dartmouth.edu> <388k0a\$iva@news.duke.edu>,  
<1994Oct22.094005.28930@walter.cray.com>  
Subject: Re: Earth Ground (was: ARRL And Gay Hams Settle Complaint)

In article <1994Oct22.094005.28930@walter.cray.com> tinamou@vega.cray.com (Doug Nicholson) writes:

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>: If LARC didn't exist, the issue of sexual orientation of hams would  
>: never even come up in the context of amateur radio.

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>Come on! Think about it! The issue of sexual orientation comes up  
>anywhere and anytime. When a man talks about his wife you think  
>he's not also talking about his sexual orientation?

You're missing the difference between making a reference implying sexual orientation and \*making an issue\* of sexual orientation. I don't care whether you do something with your wife, your husband, your boyfriend, your girlfriend, or with your dog. Feel free to tell me on the air that you and your boyfriend (or "significant other," or "better half," or "other half," or any of the gender-neutral terms) did such-and-such.

\*I\* am not going to abruptly terminate a QSO because the other party reveals the earth-shattering news that (s)he doesn't have the same sexual orientation I do, and (here comes the important part) \*the existence of LARC is not going to "cure" those who would.\*

>And what about when people talk about their  
>kids? You don't think that implies some sort of sexual orientation?

Not these days. Even if it did, WHO THE HELL CARES??!!! It's not an \*issue\* until you insist on making it one.

>Obviously you don't see how sex is an important part of people's  
>personal lives and how they make that public.

Bingo. There's your problem. You're taking an important part of your \*private\* life and insisting on making it \*public.\*

> But we see it.  
>We see it everyday.

What I don't see is why so many gays feel the need to make their sexual orientation the focal point of their lives.  
Perhaps you could explain that to me?

-joe

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"When personal freedom's being abused,	"I have an open mind, about everything
you have to move to limit it."	it needs to be open about."

- U.S. President Bill Clinton, 1994	- George Greene 9/13/94
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